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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT B

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to the substantive examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests amendment of the present application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph and replace with:

The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/360,051 filed July 23, 1999.